

## ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A cutting instrument configured as scissors has a housing formed as a handle with a functional unit disposed therein; supported in the functional unit is a probe configured as a hollow needle which co-axially supports a rod projecting from the probe in axial direction and which comprises at its distal end a cutting device and wherein the cutting device has two cutting members provided with cutting blades that can be configured in an arc-shape or a straight shape, wherein from an open position the cutting blades correspond to each other at an acute angle, they are brought into engagement with each other to a closed position for a cutting action by means of a sliding movement of the probe relative to the scissors tip.